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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"If the Government do not finish their business before the days allotted for non-official business, they have got a right to ask me to continue the sittings."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"I suppose it is done on consultation with the other parties in the House."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It has never been the practice as far as my knowledge goes.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Regarding the election of six members to the House Committee, I have to announce to the House that the following candidates have been duly nominated for election to the Committee :—

1. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
2. Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar.
3. Rao Sahib L. C. Guruswami.
4. Mr. P. Anjaneyulu.
5. ,, C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
6. ,, Ramanatha Goenka.

"As the number of candidates for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare the abovementioned Members to be duly elected under Regulation II (4) of the regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote.

"Under Standing Order 80, I have nominated Mr. P. T. Rajan and Mr. Soundarapandya Nadar to be Members of the Committee."

ELECTION OF A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR CONFERRING WITH THE INDIAN STATUTORY COMMISSION—*cont.*

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is whether the motion of the hon. the Leader of the House is in order or not.

"The first and principal argument advanced against the motion is that it is barred by Standing Order 65. That Standing Order says: 'When a resolution has been moved in the Council no resolution or amendment raising substantially the same question shall be moved again within one year.' On the 24th of January last, during the last session of the Council, a resolution was moved in the Council in the following terms :—

'That this Council recommends to the Government that they do convey to His Excellency the Viceroy and His Majesty's Government the resentment of this Council at the appointment of the Statutory Commission and that they do advise His Majesty to abolish the constituted Commission and order the institution of a representative Round Table Conference to be composed of delegates elected by the elected Members of all the Legislatures of India.'

It was passed in an amended form which is immaterial for the purposes of Standing Order 65. It is sufficient to say that it would prevent another resolution raising substantially the same question being moved till the 24th of January next, though a new session has opened.

"It has therefore to be decided (1) whether the present motion is a 'resolution' and (2) whether it raises substantially the same question as the resolution of January 1928. I do not propose to deal with the second point, as, on